

Do you take a Church paper, or read Church literature?

Do you think of your responsibility as a parishioner? Do you pray for your Parish, your Minister, and your Bishop?

Do you ever want to ask your Minister questions concerning the Bible and the Church?

When you are sick will you use the Church's Prayers, and her Minister for your comfort and consolation, and not wait until recovery is considered hopeless?

Will you contribute five or ten cents (or more) weekly for Missions?

A CONTEMPORARY says that "free churches are urgently needed for two classes of people—the really poor and the stingy rich." We believe in free churches and a free gospel, but these do not mean exemption from the duty and privilege of giving. No one supposes that pews were rented in Apostolic times. There were no pews to rent, but the injunction was to "give as GOD hath prospered you."

#### AN IMPORTANT CONVERT

"MONSIGNORE Saverese, who resigned his place as a Domestic prelate of the Pope and was received into communion in St. Paul's American Church, Rome, by the Rev. Dr. Nevin, on the 8th of Dec. last, was one of the foremost theological writers and jurists in the Roman Curia. He has published many important works, the last of which "*La Chiesa e la Democrazia*," was written at the request published at the expense of the Pope, less than a year ago. He was a member of the Commission representing the

picked theologians of the Roman Church, which Pius IX. charged with the preparation of the famous syllabus against modern errors."

#### SABBATH OR SUNDAY.

"DID you go to Sunday-school last Sabbath?" "Yes; I make it a point to go to Sabbath-school every Sunday, when I am in town.

Not many, perhaps, are guilty of such jumbling of words, but the confused manner in which the words Sabbath and Sunday are often used, shows a want of definiteness in the meaning attached to each. They are by no means synonymous. They who are careful of speech will say Sunday, or Lord's day, when they mean the Christian holy day. But we hear in the Decalogue, every Sunday, "Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day." This language, constructed strictly, means—keep holy the seventh day of the week. But that is not the meaning the Church now attaches. While the substantial idea of the original holy day remains, and its observance is enjoyed by a perpetual decree, its tone and spirit have greatly changed; and with this change has come a change of day, so as to associate the holy day of the week with the grandest event of Christian history—the resurrection of our Lord.

The Church says with the utmost propriety, "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy," for that is her warrant for her keeping the day at all. But inasmuch as the idea has, from its original meaning, expanded into a more beautiful and significant one, we now very properly use the term to express the advance.